

# YOUTH NEWS

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## Lent: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Sunday March 23, 2025

## Lead Story Headline:

The Fig Tree



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# Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

"One day as Jesus was teaching, he said to the people, 'Unless you change your lives and give up your sinful ways, you will not have eternal life.' Then he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had a fig tree in his garden. When he went to pick some figs, there weren't any on the tree. So he said to the gardener, 'I have been waiting three years for figs to grow on this tree and I never find any. Cut it down. Why should it take up space in my garden?' But the gardener said, 'Master, leave it here for one more year. I will dig up the dirt around it and put manure in the ground to help it grow. Let's wait and see if figs grow on it next year. If they do, that's good! But if not, then we'll cut it down.'"

*This is the Good News of the Lord.*

Novalis. (1990). Sunday Book of Readings Adapted for Children, Year B. Outremont, Quebec: Novalis.

"I am who I am! Tell them that my name is 'I am' - and that I sent you to them. This is my name and this is how I want to be remembered forever."

Exodus 3:15

## What Do You Think?

1. What do you think ends up happening to the fig tree?

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2. How can you help yourself and others grow in your lives and grow in your faith?

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## Check It Out:

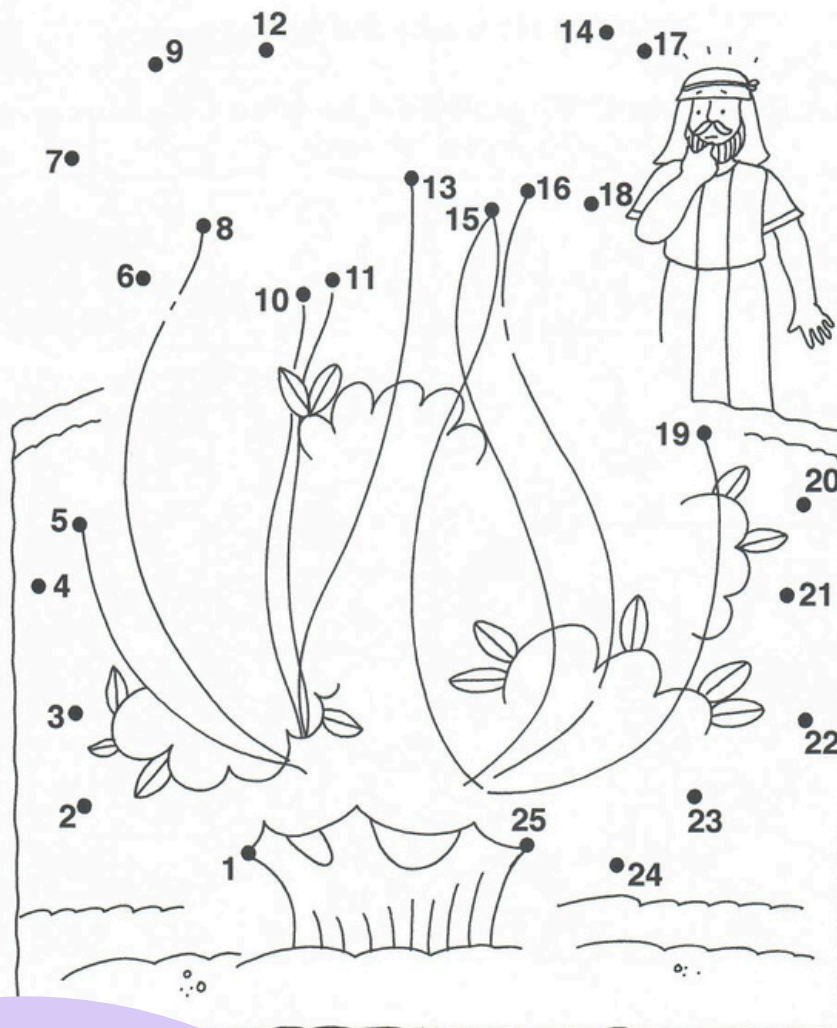
Listen to the song "Lifeline" by Stephen Stanley. What do you think of it? What do you think the message is?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TilczYgZipg>

# Activity: Connect the Dots

Connect the dots to find what God spoke to Moses from. Do you remember what God asked Moses to do? You can read the story in your Bible in Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15.

Lucey, M. (2007). Catholic Corner Puzzles and Activities, Year C (Ages 7-10). Illinois, United States of America: World Library Publications.



## Now Act:

When to tell the truth is sometimes hard to know. For example, should I tell the truth if my friend will get in trouble, if it's a family secret, or if someone's feelings will be hurt? Two questions help us decide: Is it necessary? Is it kind? Some secrets that could be harmful to ourselves or others should be told to a trusted adult. Think of some situations in which you should have told the truth and didn't or others when you did and maybe shouldn't have. Consider what you could have done differently in those situations.

Glavich, M. (2013). Totally Catholic! Boston, Massachusetts: Pauline Books and Media.

"Change your lives  
and believe! The  
good news of God  
is for you!"  
Gospel Acclamation

# Kingdom Builders: The Consoler

Jesus uses a special name to describe the Holy Spirit. The name means “he who is called to one’s side”, or “consoler”. Discover this special name by filling in the blanks below and placing the red underlined letters in order at the bottom of the page. Use the word bank to help you.

- 1. This feast marks the beginning of the Church, when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the form of tongues of fire.
- 2. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, these chosen followers of Jesus were able to work healing miracles as Jesus did.
- 3. This faithful daughter of Israel was specially prepared by the Holy Spirit to become the Mother of God.
- 4. This great father of the faith experienced the power of the Holy Spirit with God’s promise that he would be the father of a whole nation, even though he and his wife Sarah were childless.
- 5. We believe the Holy Spirit, in union with the Father and Son, guides the Catholic \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6. This Person of the Blessed Trinity came into your soul at your Baptism.
- 7. This symbol of the Holy Spirit is used in the Sacrament of Baptism and reminds us of being washed clean.
- 8. The Holy Spirit inspired the writing of, and continues to speak to us through the Bible, also known as Sacred \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9. This traditional symbol of the Spirit is the form in which he appeared over Jesus after his baptism.

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- Word Bank:
- Apostles
  - Dove
  - Abraham
  - Church
  - Mary
  - Pentecost
  - Scripture
  - Holy Spirit
  - Water

The name Jesus used for the Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_.

What do you think it means to be a consoler? How can you be a consoler to the people in your life? Who do you think is a consoler to you in your life? Think about these questions and consider what they may mean. Write this word on a small piece of paper and keep it with you so you are reminded how you can be like the Holy Spirit to other people in your life.

Rossini, E. (1996). 100 Activities Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. San Francisco, USA: Ignatius Press.